

JANUARY 23, 1835.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. THOMSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To authorize a compromise, and to secure to the United States the title to the Pea Patch island, in the river Delaware.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars be, and the same is here-
4 by, appropriated, payable out of any money in the Treasury
5 not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War, on
6 behalf of the United States, to extinguish the title of Henry
7 Gale, or of any other claimant, to the island in the river Dela-
8 ware, called "The Pea Patch," whereon Fort Delaware has
9 been erected : *Provided, That the Secretary of War shall be*
10 of opinion that it will be for the interest of the United States
11 to make such extinguishment ; in which case, he shall
12 take from the party or parties, whose claim may be extin-
13 guished, such a conveyance, in fee simple, as shall be deemed
14 sufficient by the Attorney General of the United States ; and
15 in which conveyance shall, also, be contained, a release of all
16 claims against the United States for the previous use or oc-
17 cupation of the premises.